**The Great Gatsby Discussion Outline**

The concepts listed below are organized by chapter and designed to help you examine key elements of the novel while reading, and to help you study after reading. For each concept, please list important information presented in the novel so far. Each concept will be discussed in class.

**Chapter 1:**

Who is the narrator? What is the point of view?

* Point of View:

What advice does Nick’s father give him about criticizing anyone? What does it mean?

How did that affect Nick’s outlook of life?

How does Nick Carraway describe Gatsby’s personality?

What was Nick’s final evaluation of Gatsby and what did he find held him back?

What is Nick’s background? Financial and family

Why was Nick restless? What job did he have?

What year does Nick move out East?

Where does Nick take up residence?

What is the history between Nick and the Buchanans?

Daisy Buchanan:

Tom Buchanan:

How many kids do Tom and Daisy have? Male or female, names.

What does Nick do for a living?

Jordan Baker:

Is Tom racist? Use an example from the book to back up your answer.

What conflict arises between Tom and Daisy? What special interest does Tom have in New York? Relationship, descriptions, situation?

How did Jordan and Daisy meet?

How does Daisy’s attitude and tone toward Nick shift when they are alone?

What do you think about them (Buchanan’s) as parents? What does Daisy think about her offspring?

How did Jordan and Daisy meet?

What is Gatsby doing at the end of the chapter?

**Chapter 2:**

Setting:

What is the Valley of Ashes? What do you think it represents?

Who or what is Doctor T. J. Eckleburg?

George Wilson:

Tom’s car

Myrtle Wilson:

Cover story for Myrtle

What does Myrtle buy? What do the purchases say about her?

Apartment

Catherine

Tom and Myrtle disappeared?

McKees

Myrtle’s transformation (hauteur)

The rumor about Gatsby

What lie does Tom tell these people about why he can’t get a divorce from Daisy

Tom’s wedding suit

What happens between Tom and Myrtle at the end of the chapter?